VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Claims of L. M. Ps. are considered.

Statement by caste of appointments.

6. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste of:

(*a*) appointments made to short vacancies in the Education Department; and

(*b*) in the Judicial Department?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information will be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Appointments made by the present Surgeon-General.

7. ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments (in short vacancies of less than a month) made by the present Surgeon-General since she assumed charge of that office?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: It is not possible to furnish the answer as it is not clear whether the interpellation refers to appointments of medical officers or of the subordinate staff.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know up to what grade the Surgeon-General can make acting appointments?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Up to the sub-assistant surgeon's grade.

Police Out-post at Kollamkode.

8. ***MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector-General of Police made any recommendation to locate a Police Out-post at Kollamkode considering the repeated requests and representations due to innumerable crimes at that locality?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: No.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the distance between Kuzhithurai and Vilavancod?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I cannot answer the honourable member at the present moment on the point. Perhaps the honourable member knows it much better than myself.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there were not many crime cases recorded at the end of the Municipal election?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: From the crime point of view, there is no necessity for an outpost at all at Kollamkode. For in 1108 out of 52 cases reported from Vilavancode the constituency which the honourable member represents only 3 cases were reported from Kollamcode. In 1109 out of 52 cases only 1 case was reported from Kollamcode and in 1110 out of 57 cases only

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2 from that place. In 1111 and 1112 out of 54 and 67 cases only 3 and 1 respectively were reported from Kollamcode. The previous years had only lesser number of cases. These circumstances do not justify the establishment of an outpost there.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are one or two places which are within two miles from here?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Yes, but they come under some other station.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the possibility of shorter distances between one place and another tend to the neglect of reporting crime cases by the Police?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Nearness between the two taluks will not in any way reduce the responsibility of police in the matter of finding out crime cases. Assuming that the area is surrounded by bad people, the police officers of the locality would certainly look to the interests of the villagers and protect them from molestation.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Is the member aware that there were some factions among the Mahomedans of the place?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I know that and every assistance was rendered by the people there in that connection in order to restore good relations.

Public Holidays.

9. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have reconsidered the question of restoring the public holidays;

(*b*) whether the Dewan-President has promised or undertaken to do so both in the Sri Mulam Assembly and Sri Chitra State Council; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken in the matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) *Vide* G. O. R. O. C. No. 6251/39/Genl., dated the 8th July 1940, published on pages 1496 and 1497 of Part I of the Government Gazette dated the 9th July 1940.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether the Government are aware that actually no work is being turned out by the Judicial Department during special holidays?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Then, will the Government call for a report on the work turned out by the Judicial Department on special holidays?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes.

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